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SUBJ:EMBASSY STATEMENT TO UN FACT FINDING MISSION

REF: COTONOU 393

FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT READ BY CHARGE D'AFFAIRS A.I. W.
KENNETH THOMPSON BEFORE UNITED NATIONS FACT FINDING MISSION,
COTONOU, BENIN, FEBRUARY 23, 1977:

"MR. CHAIRMAN, DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE MISSION,

" I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU IN
CONNECTION WITH YOUR INVESTIGATION OF THE FACTS SURROUNDING
THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF JANUARY 16, 1977. I REGRET, HOWEVER,
THAT AS I WAS NOT IN THIS COUNTRY WHEN THE ATTACK OCCURRED,
I MUST LIMIT MYSELF TO SAYING THAT I CAN OFFER NO RELEVANT
PERSONAL INFORMATION.

"OUR RESIDENCE, HOWEVER, DID SUSTAIN FAIRLY EXTENSIVE
DAMAGE AS THE RESULT OF WEAPONS FIRE.HAD MY LAST GUESTS NOT
DEPARTED TWO DAYS BEFORE THE ATTACK, I FEAR THAT THEY COULD
HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY INJURED.

"SHOULD YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE MISSION
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CARE TO INSPECT THE DAMAGE, I WOULD BE PLEASED TO ESCORT YOU
PERSONALLY THROUGH OUR RESIDENCE.

"THANK YOU AGAIN, SIR, FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR BEFORE
YOU."
THOMPSON

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